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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 7233

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TAGS: EAID, PFOR, BE, RW

SUBJECT: AID TO RWANDA

DEPARTMENT ALSO FOR AID

1. SUMMARY. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH US ON ECONOMIC AID PROJECT IN RWANDA BUT HAS DECLINED RWANDAN REQUEST TO INCREASE MILITARY AID. END SUMMARY

2. DURING VISIT OF AF/C DIRECTOR COHEN DECEMBER 11, FONMIN DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS LEBRUN RAISED POSSIBILITY OF BELGIAN-US COLLABORATION ON AID PROJECT IN RWANDA. LEBRUN SAID GOB FAVORED SUCH COLLABORATION. COHEN NOTED THAT USG INTERESTED IN AIDING RWANDA AND HAD STUDIED TOURISM POTENTIAL. STUDY HAD INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT MOST USEFUL PROJECTS ALREADY TAKEN BY OTHER DONORS. US PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT WHICH IS ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION, THEREFORE, WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE.

3. REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICE OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
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ASKED WHETHER USG WOULD BE WILLING TO

CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN PROJECT NOT INVOLVING TOURISM, SUCH AS AID TO RWANDAN HOSPITAL ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. COHEN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH USG HAD BEEN FOCUSING ON TOURISM, CONSIDERATION OF VIABLE PROJECT IN DIFFERENT FIELD NOT PRECLUDED.

4. LEBRUN SAID THAT FONMIN WOULD INSTRUCT BELGIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS COLLABORATION FURTHER WITH DEPARTMENT. BELGIAN AID EXPERT COULD LATER GO TO WASHINGTON FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. COHEN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO BRING TOGETHER US AND BELGIAN AID REPRESENTATIVES AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

5. IN MILITARY FIELD, LEBRUN NOTED THAT CRISIS WITH RWANDA OVER BELGIAN AID HAD PASSED WHEN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AGREED TO GOB DEMANDS THAT MEMBERS OF BELGIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TEAM (EXCEPT BANDMASTER) BE TAKEN OUT OF CHAIN OF COMMAND AND BE ALLOWED TO WEAR DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA. PRESENT LEVEL OF PROGRAM, HE SAID, IS ABOUT 10 MILLION BF PER YEAR AND HAS RECENTLY INCLUDED TRANSPORT OF ALOUETTE HELICOPTER TO EUROPE FOR REPAIR, CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING FOR BELGIAN TEAM (TO BE TURNED OVER ULTIMATELY TO GOR), AND AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SINGLE OVERHAULED DORNIER AIRCRAFT OF TYPE OWNED BY BURUNDI. LEBRUN EMPHASIZED THAT BELGIUM DOES NOT WANT TO UPSET RELATIVE CALM IN AREA AND HOPES TO DISCOURAGE RWANDANS FOR BUILDING UP MILITARILY, GOB, THEREFORE, HAS DECLINED GOR REQUEST TO INCREASE MILITARY AID (KIGALI 699) AND WILL NOT PROVIDE RWANDANS EXPENSIVE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMBAT AIRCRAFT OR PUMA HELICOPTERS. EVENTUALLY, ACCORDING TO LEBRUN, BELGIAN MILITARY AID TO RWANDA WILL IN FACT DIMINISH. BOOCHEVER

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